How To Dye Faded Canvas Shoes

An easy guide to restore the color of faded canvas shoes.

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INTRODUCTION

You've had your shoes for a while and they just aren't looking as fresh as they used to. What can you do about it? This guide will take you step by step through restoring the color of your faded canvas shoes.

TOOLS:

- Mild Detergent (1)
- Toothbrush (1)
- Water (1)
- Towel (1)
- Bucket (1)

Step 1 — How To Dye Faded Canvas Shoes





- Mix a few drops of detergent with water in the bucket. You should add about 3 drops of detergent for every 10 oz of water.

⚠ Do not add too much detergent. If the solution becomes too bubbly or overly soapy, there is too much detergent in the solution.

Step 2





- Dip entire scrubbing device (toothbrush or sponge) into solution.
- Lightly scrub the faded material with the scrubbing device.

⚠ Be gentle. Do not scrub too hard. This will damage the suede shoe.

Step 3





- Lightly tap the faded canvas carefully with a towel or paper towel to dry it

⚠ Again, be gentle with the material so you do not damage it.

- Leave the shoe out to air dry. It should take about 1-2 hours to completely dry.

Step 4



- Dip the utensil into the dye.
  Completely cover the utensil in dye.

Step 5







- Apply the dye to the faded area of the shoe.
- ⓘ Apply lightly over the entire surface of faded area in a circular motion.
- ⚠ Be careful not to get any dye on your skin.

Step 6





- Allow the dye to dry.
- ⓘ Refer to the canvas dye directions for drying time. It should take about 1-2 hours to be completely dry.

When the color of your shoes has been completely restored, you are finished. For other shoe related issues, there are other guides on iFixit that can help.

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